Schemes for Tribal Development in Orissa

2160. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tribal development blocks in the State of Orissa;

(b) what are the schemes implemented in these blocks;

(c) whether Government propose to introduce some schemes of priorities in the Kashipur Block which has a large number of Tribals and Harijans; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) 118 blocks in the State of Orissa come within the Tribal Sub Plan area.

(b) Apart from national programmes like IRDP, NREP, RLEGP, etc.; the Integrated Development Agencies and Departments of the State Government implement family oriented schemes for income generation, schemes for creation of infra-structure and human resource development as well as other welfare activities.

(c) and (d) A project in Kashipur Block is under consideration with an estimated investment of about Rs. 31 crores in agricultural production, natural resource development, human resource development, rural infrastructure, commercial development, land survey and implementation. The proposed project is to be assisted partly by the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Take over of VISL

2161. SHRI VEERSHETTY MOGLAPPA KUSHNOOR: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka State Government had recently requested the Central Government to take over Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Limited; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on their request?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Karnataka had already been advised, with reference to their earlier requests, that viability of the plant depends upon an assured supply of power throughout the year and fixing a reasonable tariff for the power. Mere transfer of the ownership to the Government of India would not solve this basic problem.

Plan for allotment of plots to displaced persons in Chittranjan Park, New Delhi

2162. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 721 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th November, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the then Ministry of Rehabilitation approved the plan for rehabilitation of all the 712 persons declared eligible by that Ministry and handed over the possession of land to DDA on which plots were to be developed by the DDA in 1984;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the approved plan under which the land was marked for the rehabilitation of the eligible displaced persons was shifted by the DDA thereby making the land insufficient for accommodating all the eligible persons; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and under whose orders the plan was altered?